

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**IN THE SPECIFICATION:****Page 13**

Please amend the Specification on page 13 beginning at line 1 as follow:

[0040] As examples of the alkoxy group, a methoxy group, ethoxy group, ~~n-propyl group,~~
propoxy group, and the like can be given.

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Please amend the Specification on page 16 beginning at line 7 as follow:

An alkoxysilane compound shown by the formula (4): $[XCH(R^4)A]Si(OR^5)_3$ (hereinafter referred to as “alkoxysilane compound (4)”) and an alkoxysilane compound shown by the formula (5): $R^1Si(OR^6)_3$ (hereinafter referred to as “alkoxysilane compound (5)”) in an amount of 0 to 100 parts by weight for 1 part by weight of the alkoxysilane compound (4) are condensed in the presence of an acid catalyst or a base catalyst. The resulting copolycondensation product is reacted with a compound shown by the formula (6): ~~$MSC(=S)Z$~~ $M[SC(=S)-Z]$ ~~a~~ to obtain the polysilsesquioxane compound (2') having a ladder-like structure.